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Hongkong, March 8, 1879.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions from H. M. Naval Store-

keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 11th of March, 1879, at 11 o'clock

a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,

Sundries condemned NAVAL and VIC-

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Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Iron

Tanks, Leather Hoses, Canvas, Lamps,

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Sundry Provisions, Clothing, etc.

4 Tins each 4 gal. Ether.

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Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. mrs

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM KOBE, NAGASAKI & AMOY.

THE S. S. Glenorchy having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHEISON & Co.

Hongkong, March 3, 1879. mrs

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Ex "Ava."

A M E (in diamond) A M C (underneath) No. 8/0, Order, 2 cases Haberdashery, from London.

B J A H (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"NAMOA."

Capt. WESTROY, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879. mrs

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The Spanish Barque

"VICENTA."

Capt. TREMOYA, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 8th instant.

For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, March 5, 1879. mrs

NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS against the German Bark A EXCELSIOR, Captain Klock, must be sent in to the Undersigned before 4 p.m. TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, or they will not be recognized.

SLEIMSEN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879. mrs

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER hereby intimates that outstanding amounts due on account of CROWN RENTS for Half-year ending the 23rd December 1878, and on account of the POLICE, LIGHTING, WATER, and FIRE BRIGADE RATES, for the 1st QUARTER of the Current Year, must be Paid on or before the 10th March instant, after which proceedings for Recovery will be taken in the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

COLONIAL TREASURY,

Hongkong, March 5, 1879. mrs

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TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract, —

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Solicitors, Supreme Court House,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

OF

THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT,

Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Month of the Fourth Year of Kuang-Su (9th October, 1878.)

Haiquan Taels 1,750,000—Shanghai Taels 1,949,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879.

The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby invites SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHANGHAI TAELS 1,787,000 of 8 PER CENT. Bonds at the issue Price or PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.
90 " 15 days after allotment.
100 "

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned place.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 162,000 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,000, being paid off on 5th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in February and August in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in annexed Schedule at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow—the five Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts.

Principal. Interest. Total.

1st Instalment due 5th October, 1879.....	162,500.00	89,325.81	241,825.81
2nd " 30th March, 1880.....	162,500.00	88,021.70	256,521.70
3rd " 28th September, 1880.....	162,500.00	66,717.69	219,217.59
4th " 19th March, 1881.....	162,500.00	44,138.48	212,913.48
5th " 12th September, 1881.....	162,500.00	44,109.37	206,009.37
6th " 8th March, 1882.....	162,500.00	37,805.20	200,305.20
7th " 1st September, 1882.....	162,500.00	31,501.15	194,001.15
8th " 25th February, 1883.....	162,500.00	25,197.04	187,697.04
9th " 21st August, 1883.....	162,500.00	18,892.93	181,392.93
10th " 14th February, 1884.....	162,500.00	12,588.82	175,088.82
11th " 9th August, 1884.....	162,000.00	6,284.71	168,284.71

Shanghai Taels..... 1,787,000.00 416,857.86 2,202,657.86

Applications (Forms of which can be obtained at the offices of the Bank) accompanied by a deposit of Shanghai Taels Ten per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation until the eleventh day of April, 1879, on which date the allotment will be made.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, AGENTS ISSUING THE LOAN,

(Signed)

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

ARRIVED.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Haje—Melchers & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, British barque, Capt. Steverwight—Captain.

LADY, British barque, Capt. T. Brown—Eduard Schellhaas & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford—Moyer & Co.

CRAIGIE LEA, British barque, Capt. A. L. Winter—Butterfield & Swire.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 4, Ara, French steamer, 2015, Rapatol, Shanghai March 1, Mails and General—MESSAGES MARITIMES.

March 5, Adria, British steamer, 789, E. Stewart, Bombay Jan. 28, Penang Feb. 13, and Singapore 21, General—P. O. S. N. Co.

March 5, Diomed, British steamer, 1240, M. H. F. Jackson, Liverpool Jan. 9, via ports of call, and Singapore Feb. 27, General—MESSAGES MARITIMES.

March 5, Hina, German steamer, 648, Ackermann, Shanghai March 9, General—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 5, Tan, French steamer, 1738, de la Marolle, Yokohama Feb. 27, Mails and General—MESSAGES MARITIMES.

March 5, Meamur, British steamer, 2000, J. W. B. Darke, R. N. R., Sydney Jan. 28, Brisbane Feb. 1, Rockhampton 3, Bowen 4, Townsville same date, Cooktown 6, Thursday Island 8, and Singapore 26, Mails and General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 5, Cordon, for Tientsin.

5, Cresswell, for Taku.

5, Penedo, for Salagon.

5, Danube, for Bangkok.

5, Davina, for Taku.

5, Esmeralda, for Amoy.

5, Phelon, for Salagon.

5, Arabella, for Salagon.

CLEARED,

April 5, for Salagon.

4, for Taku.

4, for Hina, for Hamburg.

4, for Manila.

Pacific Slope, for Takao.

China, for Chefoo.

head winds and sea, and from Singapore to 14 N. very fine weather and calm sea with Easterly winds, then variable winds and unsettled weather to within 150 miles of Hongkong, and thence to port strong head winds and heavy sea.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *Excelsior* must be sent in to the Agents before 4 p.m.

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When Name. From.

THE CHINA MAIL.

man, in conjunction with Mr E. R. Bellilles, bought the entire Property belonging to Mr Duddell in Queen's Road and Duddell Street, and we congratulate him in this fresh acquisition, trusting it may turn out as satisfactory and profitable an investment as the previous one is said to have done.

RETURN OF VISITORS to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending March 2nd, 1879:—

European.	Chinese.
Monday, Feb. 24th,	65
Tuesday,	534
25th,	443
Wednesday,	50
26th,	343
Thursday,	63
27th,	335
Friday,	71
28th,	703
Saturday, March 1st,	248
Sunday, 2nd,	514
Totals,	39
Grand total,	2,882

Grand total, 3,483.

It will be seen that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank invites subscriptions for the new 8 per cent. silver loan of the Chinese Imperial Government. This is the third loan negotiated by our local Bank with the Chinese in for Sh. Taels 1,949,500, of which Tls. 1,787,000 are to be raised in Tls. 500 bonds, redeemable at par within six years, by half-yearly drawings. The loan is authorized by Imperial decree, of date Oct. 9, 1878, and is secured by the hypothecation of the Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow. Applications will be received by the Bank until the 11th April, on which date the allotment will be made.

The editing of the *Government Gazette* is becoming a very important philological piece of work, considering the large proportion of its contents which is now translated and printed in Chinese. In this day's issue there are notices of the cases at the Criminal Sessions, the case of perjury recently punished by Justice Snowden in the Summary Court, and the usual summary of cases at the Magistracy. Dr. Eitel's returns of the Grant-in-Aid School Examinations are also reproduced in Chinese, while a list of unclaimed letters addressed to Chinese is also given in this number. All this is most commendable, and would be a great step in the proper direction. It is not for the fact that publication in the *Gazette* can scarcely be called publication. It need hardly be shown how the official organ is forced to "waste its sweetmeats on the desert air." Still, these efforts on the part of the Government are worthy of praise so far as their influence goes, though a wider publicity could easily be attained.

One feature in to-day's *Gazette* is the new Jury List, and the great feature of the Jury List is the unusual number of gentlemen's names advanced to the dignity of Special Jurors. Amongst these latter appear the names of two Chinese—one a merchant, and the other an insurance secretary.

LATEST FROM SHANGHAI.

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 1st March has the following:—

Hugh Fraser, Esq., H. M.'s Chargé d'Affaires, leaves in the *Ava*. It is thought that he will stay in Hongkong to see Sir Thomas Wade before proceeding homeward to England.

Mr H. Sayn, Secretary of the French Municipal Council, is among the passengers leaving by the *Ava* for Marseilles, and it is notified that Mr C. Causade will officiate as Acting Secretary during his absence.

Among the passengers who arrived by the last French mail was H. E. Signor de Luca, the new Italian Minister to Peking, who, before proceeding on his way to present his credentials at that Court, is staying at the Shanghai Club.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The Governor-General of Charkoff has been shot by an assassin and wounded severely.

The *Courier*, of same date (1st March) furnishes these items:—

A fire broke out about three o'clock this morning, which resulted in the total destruction of the Metropolitan Hotel, occupied by Mr Murphy, and situated in Broadway, on the north side of the Hongkew Creek. The fire was first observed by a native policeman, who, finding one of the doors open, went into the house, but there was no one there. Another native policeman also came to the spot, and they at once reported the occurrence to the Hongkew Police Station, where the fire-bell was tolled. Officers from this station proceeded at once to the hotel with extinguishers, but the fire had obtained so great a hold on the building that they were of no use. The whole of the fire-brigades and four of the steam engines were in prompt attendance, and their efforts were so far successful that the fire was confined to the building in which it broke out, but this was totally destroyed and none of the furniture saved. The last of the engines went home at half-past five o'clock. Mr Murphy had an iron safe containing valuable property, and we believe it has been recovered.

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TELEGRAMS.

From an advance copy of the *Straits Times* (from which we note that Mr Stewart is not amongst the *Amazone* passengers) we take the following:—

London, Feb. 19.—Advices just to hand from the seat of war at the Cape report a victory having been gained by the British troops under Col. Evelyn Wood, V. C., who were attacked by four thousand Zulus on the 24th January. Our loss is trifling. Wood's column is falling back on Utrecht.

The first reinforcements have started.

London, Feb. 22.—The latest advices are dated Capetown February 4th and report that the British troops are standing on the defensive, but the Zulus are not attacking persons (private persons).

The British column under Colonel Pearson is entrenched at Eshowe and Lord Chelmsford the Commander-in-Chief of the forces with his staff is going to join him. Native assistance is being dispensed with and the contingent is disbanded.

AFGHANISTAN.

Bombay, Feb. 20.—The Head-quarters of General Roberts have been transferred to Thull.

The Ameer of Afghanistan is still at Muzari Sherreef.

The Commander-in-Chief in India, H. E. General Sir Frederick Paul Haines, G. C. B., has gone to Jellalabad.

Bombay, Feb. 23.—A large meeting of Moolah has declared that the Ameer of Afghanistan having sought Russian help, a religious demonstration in his favour would be unlawful.

GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS.

Dr E. J. Eitel, Acting Government Inspector of Schools, has made the following report to the Colonial Secretary:—

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1879.

SIR.—I have the honour to enclose a table showing the results of the examinations I conducted in the schools at present under the Grant-in-Aid system.

The total number of schools examined amounted to 17 as against 14 in 1877 and 12 in 1876. The total number of children presented amounted to 667 as against 459 in 1877 and 390 in 1876. The passes amounted to 95 per cent, as against 86 per cent. in 1877 and 7 per cent. in 1876, according to the amount total earned by the Grant-in-Aid schools amounts to \$4,811.53, as against \$3,752.90 in 1877 and \$1,07.00 in 1876. The difference in the amounts annually earned is caused, in the first instance, by the increase of the value of passes introduced in 1877, and in the second instance by a steady increase from year to year in the number of schools placed under the Grant-in-Aid system, in the number of scholars presented for examination, and the percentage of scholars who passed successfully.

The amount total provided in the Estimates for 1879 is \$4,500. of this sum we have already spent \$225 in gratuities for the best Masters of the Government outside schools. Adding thereto \$4,811.53, now required for the Grant-in-Aid schools, we exceed the amount provided by \$536.53. There was a similar excess in 1878, but it must always be guess-work estimating beforehand the sum required for Grant-in-Aid, as it is impossible to tell before hand how many children will be presented and what the average attendance throughout the year will be.

I did not require an Assistant Examiner, but as regards the classification of the merits of the needlework in Girls' schools, the following ladies kindly undertook to act as Judges, viz.: Mrs Burdon, Mrs. Kiad, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Grundy, Mrs. G. Sharp, Mrs. C. M. Noronha, Mrs. and Miss Caldwell.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates' sitting.)

5th March, 1879.

"BLACK WATCH" AHO!

John Anderson, a seaman, was charged with being a straggler from the British barque *Black Watch*. Defendant admitted the charge and was ordered to be sent on board.

MORE STRAGGLERS.

Donald Puch and George Thomas, seamen, were charged with being stragglers from the American ship *Paul Revere*. The ship left yesterday and the defendants gave themselves up as stragglers.

Mr Craugh discharged them and ordered them accommodation and food for 14 days in the geol.

A VALUABLE SERVANT.

Wong Ayan, an engine driver, was summoned at the instance of Mr J. M. Kuan, for leaving his service without giving the usual month's notice. It would appear that the defendant was a monthly servant of the Cosmopolitan Dock Company and had been in their employ for seven or eight years at different rates of pay from \$8 a month and upwards. On the 17th February he had asked for leave to go to Canton as he was sick, and a few days later he returned from Canton and told Mr Emanuel that he was still sick. The next Mr Emanuel saw of him was in the Cosmopolitan steam-launch as driver. The launch had formerly been the property of the Dock Company. Defendant was asked to return to his work, but refused unless he got an increase of pay. His present rate of pay was \$10 per month. Finally the defendant agreed to return to his work, and the charge was withdrawn.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$11,000.

Fong Ayow, comprador to Messrs. Newrey Kesoway & Co., was charged on remand with embezzling the sum of \$11,000 or thereabouts, the money of his employers with which he was entrusted by virtue of his employment.

This case was continued to-day. The evidence was very complicated, and dragged along very slowly, as it rested mainly on the examination of books and accounts.

Mr Denney contended that the case should be dismissed, that it was in reality a civil case, and that the question as to the relation the prisoner bore to the firm was for the Supreme Court. Mr Kertsey, he said, had really had no intention at first of a criminal prosecution, but had merely laid the information in order to ensure the defendant's presence.

His Worship intimated that he would send the case to the Supreme Court, but that he should require bail to the full amount the defendant was charged with

having embezzled. It was he thought absurd to take bail for \$4,000, as, if the defendant had the \$11,000, he could pay it and have a profit of \$7,000.

The defendant was then committed for trial at the Supreme Court, but admitted to bail in \$11,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Mar. 4, 1879.

SIR.—With reference to the repetition of the Excursion to Macao on Saturday next, I am of opinion, and beg leave to suggest to our popular Secretary, that if he could, instead of despatching the *Cloud* at 2.30 p.m. on that day, place the *Powán* on the trip (leaving here at 5 p.m. and returning thereto at 9 p.m. on Sunday), he would be conferring a most obliging favour upon the former and the would-be excursionists, as I hear from almost all of the former that they would gladly rejoin the excursion were the steamer to leave here at the hour I have stated and return from Macao on Sunday night. Under such circumstances I may predict with some confidence that the Portuguese Community will not miss the opportunity laid before them to visit their home and take part in the procession which, if neither permits, will take place on Sunday, as they are, with no exception, all "devots" of the Cross; and foreigners may also embrace the same for a "voyage de procession."

It is said that the *Powán* is in the opinion of the majority a fit boat for excursioning purposes, and runs well now, and that the well-known Benning photos her famously.

Thanking you for the publicity of the above lines and awaiting the results of my suggestion, I am, Yours,

EXCURSIONIST.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

March 5, 1879.

SIR.—Mr Hassell is reported to have said that "There was no doubt at the present moment merchants were entirely in the hands of their native servants," &c. If this really represents the present position of our leading merchants, it is to say the least a most extraordinary confession; but happily there were a few gentle men at the meeting who seemed to have found themselves surrounded with such difficulties. I would suggest as a remedy to such trials that merchant may be enduring to try a little.

ACTIVITY.

Canton.

3rd March, 1879.

Omitting it accidentally from our note of Saturday evening, let us hasten to declare what we felt was due, the accomplished amateur of the German community of Hongkong who presided at the Piano on that occasion in a manner and with a skill calculated to reconcile us to the absence of the German.

Mr Skene has sent us several copies of *The Live Stock Journal*, in which was published correspondence on the subject, with a request that we would reproduce it, in the hope that it may lead to the discovery of some authority near the "home" of the birds, which would help to settle the controversy now raging, and once for all give the fowls their true position amid the feathered tribes.

to the rectification of the evil influences of Fung Shui by the erection of three small Lighthouses in the River opposite the Yeo Nan-mun and the appointment of several Cantonese as Ambassadors to Foreign Powers is another distinction they are proud of. Let us hope they will continue in this view of thinking, and may commerce revive, and the hopes of all who are interested in this matter be realized speedily, and Happiness and Prosperity abound to all.

W. MESNY.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Natives.)

The C. C. S. N. Co.'s steamers *Shun Lee* and *Taku* were expected to leave this morning (27th) for Tientsin direct; and the *Fangshun* and *Pautah*, belonging to the C. M. S. N. Co., and the *Siu Nanzing*, belonging to the C. C. N. Co., are announced to leave on Saturday. With one or two exceptions all the steamers accused of running North, will, we understand, leave during the next few days.

We are informed that *Obéa*, the Chinese Magistrate, has entrusted the control of the Mixed Court to the foreign Assessors during his temporary absence at Soochow.

The machinery to be used in the Lan Chow in woollen factory has arrived in Shanghai, and will, we are informed, be shortly despatched to Hankow, en route to its destination.

The great question whether the black fowls of the Langshan district on the Yangtze Kiang are a pure and distinct breed, or are merely a cross with Cochin Chinas, seems to be still a moot point with fanciers and exhibitors at Home, judges at poultry shows even appearing to disagree on the point. Mr A. Stone, of Aberdeen, when in Shanghai about a couple of years ago, sent a number of the birds, obtained direct from the Langshan district, to Mr John Thomson, of Aberdeen, an enthusiastic poultry fancier, who has since successfully bred from and exhibited the birds and their progeny. The question of purity of breed, however, remains as we have above said, an unsettled point. Mr Skene has sent us several copies of *The Live Stock Journal*, in which was published correspondence on the subject, with a request that we would reproduce it, in the hope that it may lead to the discovery of some authority near the "home" of the birds, which would help to settle the controversy now raging, and once for all give the fowls their true position amid the feathered tribes.

(*Courier*.)

The machinery for the Lan-chow-fu woollen mills arrived by the *Hesperia*, and was landed a day or two ago. It is all of German manufacture.

Sir Edmund Hornby is a candidate for the vacant office of Controller to the Corporation of London.

Six lighters went down to Woosung this afternoon (28th) to take cargo from the *Genkai Maru*, as she could not get over the bar without being lightened.

The *Shen Pao* has heard that in consequence of the possibility of a rupture with Russia, the people of Yarkand have volunteered of their own accord to furnish a contingent of ten thousand men, to be encamped at Kashgar, the people of Yarkand and themselves defraying all the expenses of the force. The men of Yuan-chia-sha, (possibly Yingkeshar), in order to show their loyalty to the Chinese Emperor, have offered to form the vanguard of the army with our own.

Both the Shanghai native papers publish a proclamation issued by the Grain Transport Board for Chekiang and Kiangsu at Shanghai, notifying sea-going junks engaged in the grain transport to Tientsin that, according to established custom, they will be allowed to carry private goods, to the amount of one fifth of their total cargo, free from all duty. Opium, however, will be charged thirty taels per picul. Anything that they cannot find sale for at Tientsin, they will be allowed to re-export duty free from Tientsin to Nanchang. In calculating the proportion of grain and private cargo, a ton or shih of rice will be taken as 120 catties. The poles carried on the sides of the junks in bad weather, will also be duty free. Similar privileges are accorded to the steamers of the China Merchants' Company engaged in the transport of grain.

SPIRIT OF THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE ARMY OF THE CANTON PROVINCE.

The *Sheh Pao* (Shanghai) calls attention to the state of the army in the Canton Province. The measures which the authorities have found it necessary to adopt for the suppression of the *Hakka* rebellion in Hainan betray the weakness of the troops.

The Canton regular army consists of forty thousand men. The number is large; but when the Taiping rebellion broke out, it showed itself utterly useless. The soldiers were men who were in the habit of living quietly with their families in their own homes, with nothing

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOIS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE.

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. A. V. A., Commandant RAPATEL, with

MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 7th March, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERREAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship GEELONG, Captain C. FRASER, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 15th March, at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to A. MOLVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

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Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 16th March. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

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Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

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G R E E N M O U N T, Possession on or before 15th May. Apply to GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East—

FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2 and 4, Praya East.

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A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Veranda. Immediate Possession.

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Also, A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODDOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODDOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to WO HANG,

Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

HE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr F. GROBLIN in our Firm CEASES To-day.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINOENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and Responsibility of the Under-signed in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze, Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOON CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NOTICE.

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J. BRADLEY SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hauls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have This Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

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MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.